

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1.(Original) A tablet feeder comprising:

a tablet accommodating section capable of accommodating a multiplicity of tablets;

a tablet array member which is disposed in the tablet accommodating section and which, while being driven and rotated, retains the tablets one after another in pockets defined on an outer periphery thereof and discharges them at a discharge position; and

a partitioning member whose partitioning portion having a shape of brush partitions the pocket so that the upper tablets do not fall into the lower pocket, thereby the tablets retained in the pocket of the tablet array member are discharged by a predetermined number, the tablet feeder being characterized in that;

at least part of brush element among the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion of the partitioning member has a tip bent in a U-shape.

2.(Original) The tablet feeder according to claim 1, wherein the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion are tilted toward a downstream side of rotational direction of the tablet array member.

3.(Currently Amended) The tablet feeder according to claim 1, ~~claim 1 or 2~~, wherein the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion have their cross section formed into a generally oval shape, and its minor axis is directed along the rotational direction of the tablet array member.

4.(Currently Amended) The tablet feeder according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1-3~~, wherein the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion comprises a plurality of filaments which is got together and has a tip bent in a U-shape.

5.(New) The tablet feeder according to claim 2, wherein the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion have their cross section formed into a generally oval shape, and its minor axis is directed along the rotational direction of the tablet array member.

6.(New) The tablet feeder according to claim 2, wherein the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion comprises a plurality of filaments which is got together and has a tip bent in a U-shape.

7.(New) The tablet feeder according to claim 3, wherein the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion comprises a plurality of filaments which is got together and has a tip bent in a U-shape.